



State of California
Office of the Attorney General

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

July 13, 2020

Mr. Michel R. Moore
Chief of Police
Los Angeles Police Department
100 West First Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Los Angeles Police Department and the CalGang database

Dear Chief Moore:

I write concerning the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) July 10, 2020 memorandum to the LAPD Police Commission. In the memorandum, LAPD stated that it was permanently withdrawing from participation in the CalGang database "[g]iven the extent of the inaccurate information found, including instances of false information,"¹ by the agency's internal audit.

In light of this, DOJ has formally revoked LAPD's access privileges to the CalGang database. LAPD's concerns about the integrity of its data also compel us to restrict access to LAPD data not just to LAPD but to all law enforcement agencies, pursuant to our authority under AB 90.² Although we have not yet completed our independent review of LAPD's participation in the CalGang program, we share your concerns about the integrity of the data generated by LAPD.

As always, we are committed to working with you and the men and women of LAPD to strengthen public trust in law enforcement. Thank you for the cooperation we have received from you and LAPD over the past few months, particularly in these very challenging times. Our work on behalf of the people of Los Angeles and California continues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Xavier Becerra".

XAVIER BECERRA
Attorney General

¹ See July 10, 2020 Memorandum from Chief Michel Moore to the Police Commission, available here: http://www.lapdpolicecom.lacity.org/071420/BPC_20-0078.pdf.

² Assem. Bill No. 90 (2017-2018 Reg. Sess.).